

## House Resolution 1977

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mrs. Donna Smith and the fourth and fifth grade students at  
2 Russell Elementary School; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Donna Smith, a 30 year teaching veteran, has devoted many hours beyond  
4 the school day to prepare Russell Elementary School's fourth and fifth grade students to  
5 participate in a space shuttle mission by way of a shuttle simulator; and

6 WHEREAS, this year marks the *USS Intrepid's* fifth flight, and Mrs. Smith is well qualified  
7 in her training to lead this mission, receiving her training at programs such as the NASA  
8 Educational Workshop, the Civil Air Patrol for Educators, the International Space Station  
9 Conference for Educators, Space Camp for Teachers, Advanced Space Camp for Teachers,  
10 and Mars Robotics Training; and

11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith has received various grants throughout her career for aerospace  
12 activities, and this year the school received a grant from the Georgia Science Teachers'  
13 Association; and

14 WHEREAS, throughout the school year, students have trained for this mission using NASA  
15 software and learning how to read schematic diagrams detailing different systems; and

16 WHEREAS, Georgia Performance Standards are being implemented at Russell Elementary  
17 School using a hands-on approach to learning; and

18 WHEREAS, visitors are invited to participate along with the students on Thursday, May 8,  
19 2008, at "Mission Control" at Russell Elementary School.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
21 the members of this body join together to recognize the faculty, staff, and students at Russell  
22 Elementary School; commend them for their outstanding and innovative approach to

1 implementing the Georgia Performance Standards; and wish Mrs. Donna Smith and the  
2 fourth and fifth grade students a most successful space mission on May 8, 2008.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
4 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Nancy DiPetrillo.